

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In an Office Action dated October 7, 2004, the Examiner required a restriction between the claims of Group I, claims 6-9, drawn to a method of forming a pleated pocket device, classified in Class 493, subclass 267; Group II, claims 1-5 and 14-27, drawn to a pleated pocket device, classified in Class 383, subclass 120; and Group III, claims 10-13, drawn to an apparatus for forming a pleated pocket device, classified in class 483, subclass 231.

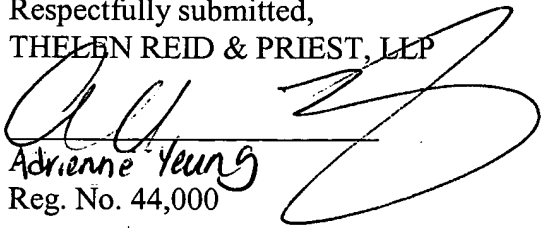
Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group II, claims 1-5 and 14-27. The claims in Group I and III have been withdrawn without prejudice to the subject matter therein. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the claims in Group I, claims 6-9, and Group III, claims 10-13, in a divisional application.

Conclusion

It is believed that this Amendment places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this Amendment is earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or credited to our deposit account No. 50-1698.

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